

Official Minutes for Webb County Commissioners Court Meeting

Monday, June 25, 2007 at 5:30 pm
(APPROVED JULY 9, 2007)

Call to order by Judge Danny Valdez

Let it be remembered that a regular meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court was held at 5:30 p.m. at the regular meeting place with the following members present to wit:

Danny Valdez	County Judge
Frank Sciaraffa	Commissioner, Pct. 1
Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina	Commissioner, Pct. 2
Jerry Garza	Commissioner, Pct. 3
Sergio "Keko" Martinez	Commissioner, Pct. 4

Thus constituting a quorum, the Commissioners Court proceeded to act upon the Agenda as posted in the meeting notice of the 22nd of June 2007. Present also were Mrs. Imelda Diaz, Deputy County Clerk representing Mrs. Margie Ramirez Ibarra, Ex-officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court, various officers and others interested in the business of the Court.

Item No. 1. Roll call by Honorable Margie Ramirez-Ibarra, Webb County Clerk

Item No. 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Item No. 3. Approval of minutes for June 11, 2007

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 4. Approval of bills, payroll, and monthly reports

Ms. Delia Perales, County Treasurer, explained the Treasurer's Report.

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 5. Communications

Cmr. Sciaraffa welcomed all County employees and Department Heads.

Cmr. Tijerina sent her condolences to the family of Karen Reyes for the loss of their daughter. Cmr. Tijerina explained that she as well as other Commissioners had stated the issue of Civil Service to Webb County Employees in her platform and was very excited to have such an item on the agenda. She mentioned that she had a meeting on June 11th for all Colonia residents in which a huge crowd attended. She went on to thank Ms. Rhonda Tiffin, Mr. Juan Vargask Mr. Mike Cabello, Mr. Jose Luis Ramos, Mr. Tony Alderete, Rafael Vidaurri, and Mr. Humberto Sarradell, City of Laredo, for their help in being there and answering questions. She also thanked the Sheriff's Department for being there and helped keep order. Cmr. Tijerina advised everyone that the Colonia cleanup is still being implemented;

however, due to weather conditions they have moved up one more week all cleanups. She reminded everyone that Administrative Services still continues to have "The Gifts" every month and the next one would be on Thursday, June 28th from 5:30 to 6:30 and anyone interested could RSVP at 523-4143. She stated that this series is titled "Celebrate your independence from depression".

Cmr. Garza welcomed everyone present specifically all law enforcement members present and explained how well the night meeting have turned out. He commended the Court for moving forward with the implementation of Civil Service in Webb County.

Cmr. Martinez welcomed all Veterans present. He advised all employees that the Court was going to approve Civil Service; however, asked everyone not to let the Court down and still continue to serve the public.

Judge Valdez welcomed everyone and explained that he the same as Cmr. Martinez and Cmr. Tijerina emphasized the implementation of Civil Service in their platform. He sent recognition to the representatives that helped pass Civil Service in the legislation. Judge Valdez recognized Ms. Quintanilla's government class from Laredo Community College for being present at the meeting. He thanked Mr. Mike Cabello, Engineering Department, for keeping the Court informed of the status on the rural areas during the heavy rains. He stated that he would like to take a trip during the week to the Colonias and advised that all Commissioners were welcomed to join him.

Item No. 6. Public Comment-This section provides the public the opportunity to address the Commissioners Court on any items on the Agenda. Members of the public wishing to participate must complete a Witness Card specifying which agenda item they wish to comment on. Each public member will be allowed a total of three (3) minutes within which to make any/all public comments.

1st witness card –Aserino Juarez

Mr. Juarez stated that he was speaking for the Veterans and the public in general and asked the Court to spend their monies wisely when talking about the Veteran's museum. He emphasized that in his opinion if the museum was to be built at Laredo Community College not only would the Veterans benefit but also the students from L.C.C.

2nd witness card – Eva Delgado

Ms. Delgado advised the Court that they have reviewed the place at the Laredo Community College that has been allocated for the building of the Veteran's museum. She stated that by having the museum at this site the Court would save money and look at the possibility of having a clinic inside the museum.

3rd witness card – Tom Sanchez

Mr. Sanchez spoke for item #14. He thanked Representative Richard Raymond and Senator Judith Zaffirini for their help in the legislation. He stated that everyone at the Sheriff's Department was delighted and definitely deserved the implementation of Civil Service in the workplace.

4th witness card – Dr. Cliff Black

Dr. Black explained that Sheriff Rick Flores had informed his team that he wanted to implement Civil Service in the Sheriff's Department immediately following the 2004 election. Dr. Black stated that they knew that they could count on Judge Valdez and Cmr. Martinez for their support with the implementation of Civil Service because they both were for the implementation. He thanked Senator Judith Zaffirini and Representative Richard Raymond for their support as well. He stated that Sheriff Flores was pleased to have the Commissioner's Court join him in the effort of the implementation

5th witness card – Hilario Cavazos

Mr. Cavazos commended the Court for having public comments at the beginning of the meetings. He commended Judge Valdez for working hand in hand with the City of Laredo. He stated that he was in support of item #14 and explained that all employees have obligation to their families. He commended the true leadership of Representative Richard Raymond and Senator Judith Zaffirini.

6th witness card – Rene De La Vina

Mr. De La Vina explained that he had been bringing the issue of Civil Service to the Commissioner's Court for about ten years and finally there was a Judge and a Court who cared about their employees. He thanked Senator Judith Zaffirini and Representative Richard Raymond for their support. He advised that Court that he would be glad to help at the County level to get Civil Service on its way. He asked all Veterans to get together and stop all the fighting that going on.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to move up item #14. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 14. Discussion and possible action to institute a Civil Service Commission for all Webb County employees.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, explained that there was a lot of work that needs to be done and recommended to appoint a committee to make recommendations to take action within the next thirty days.

Cmr. Tijerina amended her motion to approve item as submitted and appoint a committee. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Judge Valdez appointed Cmr. Martinez, Cmr. Tijerina, Mr. Leo Flores, County Auditor, Mr. Leroy Medford, Executive Administrator to County Judge, Ms. Cynthia Mares, Administrative Services, and Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, advised the Court that a written Order should also be prepared.

Item No. 7. Status report on the Webb County Court House Annex Building.

Discussion on file at the County Clerks Office in the Commissioner's Court June 25th DVD.

Judge Valdez stated that he would like a committee to be formed to bring back recommendations to the Court. He appointed Mr. Juan Vargas, Economic Development, or Ms. Peggy Warren, Cmr. Garza, Mr. Mike Cabello, and Mr. John Hickey. Judge Valdez stated that he would like Cmr. Garza to Chair the committee and if he thought of anyone else that could serve on the committee to advise him.

Judge Valdez motioned to table the item and bring it back in the next meeting. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, recommended the Mr. Mike Cabello, Engineering Department, to place item on the agenda that specifies action with his recommendations.

Item No. 8. Discussion and possible action to accept a donation for Webb County from the Fernando A. Salinas Trust, in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the Miss Texas USA Pageant.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Judge Valdez thanked Mr. Fernando Salinas for allocating the funds, Mr. Javier Santos and wished good luck to Ms. Ana Rodriguez, Ms. Webb County.

Item No. 9. Discussion and possible action to clarify the authority of the Commissioners to utilize account 001-0101-5005 (Commissioners Court budget) and ratify the hiring of three temporary employees assigned to the Webb County Tax Assessor's Office, the Public Defender's Office and the District Attorney's Office, and any matters incident thereto.

Discussion on file at the County Clerks Office in the Commissioner's Court June 25th DVD

Cmr. Garza motioned to have the Court utilize account number 0101. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Cmr. Garza amended his motion by having the Court utilize account number 0101 and ratifying the hiring of the three temporary employees. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 10. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Webb County Auditor to find the necessary funding in payroll savings to provide \$20,000.00 for account 001-6100-6201 (Utilities) to pay for utility services in Oilton, Bruni, and Mirando City, Texas. **[Requested by Mario Garcia, Director; Account Number 001-6100-6201]**

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, advised the Court that there were some available funds under his accounts if the Court wished to utilize them.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 11. Status report on the environmental assessment of the Veterans Museum. **[Co-Sponsored by Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina, Commissioner Pct. 2]**

Discussion on file at the County Clerks Office in the Commissioner's Court June 25th DVD.

Item No. 12. Discussion and possible action on the status of the leases and/or tenants at the Veteran's Museum Building.

Item No. 28. Discussion and possible action regarding the holdover tenancy of three businesses, Mario's Car Wash, La America Pawnshop and Nuevo Poblano Restaurant as well as the Veteran's Coalition Offices being County property generally located at 409 and 413 San Bernardo and any matters incident thereto.

Discussion on file at the County Clerks Office in the Commissioner's Court June 25th DVD.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to table both items 12 and 28.

Cmr. Sciaraffa withdrew his previous motion.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to instruct the County Attorney to issue eviction notices to all tenants including businesses and come back to the Court to resolve all issues before thirty days and look at specific issues with the Veteran's Coalition. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 13. Status report on the sale of the Webb County Detention Center Property.

Cmr. Garza motioned to table item and place under Executive Session at the next meeting. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

MEDIA BREAK (7:10 – 7:25)

Item No. 15. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfers for the following departments:

Constable Tino Juarez, Pct. 4

From: Acct. #001-2502-5601 Administrative Travel \$1,500.00
Acct. #001-2505-6007 Dues & Membership \$ 500.00
Acct. #001-2502-6402 Repairs & Maint, Equip \$ 700.00
\$2,700.00
To: Acct. #001-2502-6204 Fuel & Lubricants \$2,700.00

Margie Ramirez Ibarra, County Clerk

From: Acct #005-1120-5001 Payroll \$7,000.00
To: Acct #005-1120-5005 Temporary Part Time \$7,000.00
From: Acct #009-1120-5001 Payroll \$2,000.00
To: Acct #009-1120-5005 Temporary Part Time \$2,000.00

Raul Elizondo, Facilities Director

From: 001-0101-5001 Payroll Savings \$35,000.00
001-0106-5001 Payroll Savings \$25,000.00
To: 001-0106-6401 Repair & Maint of Buildings \$60,000.00

Mario Cavazos, Radio Communications Director

From: 001-0103-5601 Administrative Travel \$500.00
001-0103-6403 Repairs of Maint. of Vehicles \$300.00
To: 001-0103-6204 Fuel & Lubricants \$800.00
From: 001-0103-6011 Training & Education \$450.00
To: 001-0103-6205 Materials & Supplies \$450.00

Jaime Alvarado, MIS Director

From: 001-0500-6402 Repairs & Maint. Equipment \$2,000
To: 001-0500-6205 Materials & Supplies \$2,000

Jose Luis Ramos, Road & Bridge Director

From: 010-7002-6011 Training & Education \$ 3,000.00
To: 010-7002-6014 Equipment Rental \$ 3,000.00
From: 010-7001-5601 Administrative Travel \$ 1,000.00
To: 010-7001-6004 Telephone \$ 1,000.00

Mike Cabello, Interim Engineer

TWDB Wastewater Project Funds

Fund 646

Description From: Acct. No. Amount

Prof. Services Leg. 646-8005-6022-2 \$69,000.00

Prof. Survey 646-8005-6022-5 \$34,767.08
Prof. Geodic 646-8005-6022-6 \$750.00
Design Phase 646-8005-6023-6 \$13,915.87
O&M Manual 646-8005-6791-2 \$4,592.05
Contingency 646-8005-6791-3 \$82,119.91
Total **\$205,144.91**

Fund 646

Description To: Acct. No. Amount

Construction Phase 646-8005-8801-8 \$205,144.91
Total **\$205,144.91**

Fund 647

Description From: Acct. No. Amount

Contingency 647-8006-6791-3 \$6,000.00
Total **\$6,000.00**

Fund 647

Description To: Acct. No. Amount

Construction Phase 647-8006-8801-8 \$6,000.00
Total **\$6,000.00**

TWDB Water Project Funds

Fund 648

Description From: Acct. No. Amount

Testing 648-8006-6022-8 \$4,835.47
Contingency 648-8006-6791-3 \$386,606.09
Water Loan Interest 648-8006-3601 \$63,320.32
Total **\$454,761.88**

Fund 648

Description To: Acct. No. Amount

Construction Phase 648-8006-8801-11 \$454,761.88
Total **\$454,761.88**

Fund 649

Description From: Acct. No. Amount

Testing 649-8005-6022-8 **\$4,930.00**
Water Interest 649-0300-3601 **\$133,887.70**
Contingency 649-8005-6791-3 **\$18,480.00**
Design Phase 649-8006-6023-6 **\$14,098.05**
Prof. Geotec 649-8806-6022-6 **\$1,500.00**
Total **\$172,895.75**

Fund 649

Description To: Acct. No. Amount

Construction Phase 649-8005-8801-11 **\$172,895.75**
Total **\$172,895.75**

Discussion on file at the County Clerks Office in the Commissioner's Court June 25th DVD.

Comr. Tijerina motioned to approve item as submitted. Comr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-1 with Comr. Martinez voting for all items except the line transfer under the Facilities Department which funds would be taken out of Commissioner's Court payroll savings.

Comr. Tijerina motioned to move item #40 up. Comr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Judge Valdez acknowledged Mr. Javier Santos who was present and thanked him for his donation.

- Item No. 40.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the Public Defender to fill the following slots effective June 30, 2007:
Slot #1972 Criminal Investigator at an hourly rate of \$16.74
Slot #0264 Legal Secretary at an hourly rate of \$13.31

Discussion on file at the County Clerks Office in the Commissioner's Court June 25th DVD.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve the legal secretary and table the investigator position.

Cmr. Sciaraffa withdrew his previous motion.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to table item. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 16.** Discussion and possible action to approve the following changes in the 341st Judicial District Personnel Budget funded from payroll savings:
Slot #0168 Civil Docket Coordinator from \$1,796.33 to \$1,874.26 per pay period.
Slot #0169 Criminal Docket Coordinator from \$1,796.33 to \$1,874.26 per pay period
Slot #0170 Court Administrator from \$1,860.31 to \$1,942.31 per pay period
Slot #0171 Assistant Court Clerk/Court Interpreter from \$19.79 to \$21.46 per hour
Slot #1530 Bailiff from \$20.99 to \$22.00 per hour

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Judge Valdez called on Mr. Javier Santos to take a picture with the Court.

- Item No. 17.** Discussion and possible action to enter into a twelve (12) month (September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008) Annual Maintenance Grant Contract with the Office of the Attorney General of Texas (OAG) for the Texas VINE (Victim Impact Notification Everyday) Grant Contract FY 2008 for a total over twelve (12) months of THIRTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHT DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$30,108.00) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Requested by Sheriff Rick Flores; Account Number (Texas VINE revenue)]**

Cmr. Martinez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 18.** Discussion and possible action to enter into a thirty-six (36) month (June 25, 2007 through June 24, 2010) Lease and Maintenance Agreement with Xerox Corporation (Copy Connection, Inc.) for two (2) Xerox WC4118P Printer/Copiers to be located at two (2) Head Start Centers (Roosevelt and Little Palominos) in the amount of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTYSEVEN DOLLARS AND FORTY-FOUR CENTS (\$2,557.44) over the term of the Lease plus (\$0.013) per print copy and authorizing the County Judge to

sign all relevant documents.**[Requested by Head Start; Account Number 903-4208-6014 (Equipment Rental)]**

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 19. Discussion and possible action to enter into a twelve (12) month (June 25, 2007 through June 24, 2008) Premium Plus Maintenance agreement #33647 with Toshiba Business Solutions of Texas to service a RISO RN2235UI copier/printer to be located in the Webb County Purchasing Department at a cost of FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$595.00) plus overages of (\$0.0059500) per copy when over 100,000 copies and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Requested by Purchasing Agent Eloy Ramirez; Account Number 001-0600-6402 (Equipment maintenance)]**

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 20. Discussion and possible action to enter into a thirty-six (36) month (October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2010) FMV Lease Agreement # 7267499-0015 with Toshiba Financial Services (Office Communications Systems, Inc.) for one (1) Toshiba ES-3510C Copier to be located at the Webb County Facilities Department in the amount of EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-THREE CENTS (\$851.73) PER MONTH for a total cost of SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND FIFTY-SEVEN CENTS (\$7665.57);over the lease term and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.**[Requested by Facilities; Account Number 001-0106-6014 (Equipment Rental)]**

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, advised the Court that the cost was to be per quarter not per month.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 21. Discussion and possible action to enter into a (12) twelve month (October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008) Premium Plus Maintenance agreement #33747 with Toshiba Business Solutions of Texas to service a Toshiba E-Studio 3510C Copier to be located in the Facilities Department with a per print cost of (\$0.0075) per black and white copy and (\$0.07) per color copy and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Requested by Raul R. Elizondo; Account Number 001-0106-6402 (Equipment Maintenance)]**

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerinas seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 22. Discussion and possible action to enter into a "Memorandum of Understanding," (for a three year period beginning June 1, 2007 and ending May 31, 2010), with the Laredo Police Department, Texas Parks and Wildlife (Park Ranger) and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Law Enforcement Division (Game Warden) to allow the Webb County Sheriff to

assist the Texas Parks & Wildlife Service in providing law enforcement response and services at the Lake Casa Blanca International State Park and authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Requested by Webb County Sheriff's Dept.]**

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 23.** Discussion and possible action to enter into a supplemental agreement with Reliant Energy for the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (Reliant Energy CARE Program) administered by the Webb County Community Action Agency whereby Reliant Energy will provide THIRTY SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$37,380.00) in additional funding to Webb County earmarked for clients of Reliant Energy needing utility payment assistance and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. **[Requested by Community Action Agency; Account Number (Grant Revenue)]**

Cmr. Martinez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 24.** Discussion and possible action to enter into a three (3) year (July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2010) Commercial Service Agreement with Time Warner Cable-Southwest Division to provide internet connectivity between the offices of the Justices of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 2; Precinct 2, Place 1; and Precinct 4, the 406th District Court, and the Webb County Sheriff (Jail) as part of a video conferencing network between the offices at an annual cost Of EIGHTEEN THOUSAND THREE-HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$18,300.00) and a one time installation fee of FOUR HUNDRED NINETY NINE DOLLARS (\$499.75) for a total cost over the term agreement of FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINETY-NINE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY –FIVE CENTS(\$55,399.75) and authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Requested by Purchasing Department; Account Number 001-0109-6004-03]**

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 25.** Discussion and possible action to enter into an architectural contract with Sepulveda Associates Architects, Inc. for the design of improvements to the fifth floor of the Justice Center in the amount of FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY FIVE DOLLARS (\$52,595.00) plus reimbursable expenses at 1.10 times expenses incurred by the Architect and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Requested by Eloy Ramirez, Webb County Purchasing Agent.]**

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 26.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Judge to request committed funds of the Lamar Bruni Vergara Trust in the amount of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000.00) for the construction of the Lamar Bruni Vergara Girl

Scouts/Webb County Youth Facility be transmitted to Webb County and the "Terms of Use and Agreement" be transmitted to the Lamar Bruni Vergara Trust. **[Requested by Lamar Bruni Vergara Trust Co-Trustees.]**

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 27. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Design Build Contract in the amount of EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE DOLLARS AND ELEVEN CENTS (\$863,951.11) with CG Construction d/b/a CC Construction for the construction of the Webb County Morgue and Offices of the Medical Examiner and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Requested by Dr. Corinne Stern, Webb County Medical Examiner Fund 676-8101-8002 \$50,000.00, 676-8101-8601 \$559,219.00, 696-2070-8801 \$24,679.00, 660-2070-8801 \$44,773.00, 722-2070-8801 \$91,352.00, 719-8101-6022 \$25,000.00, 719-8101-8601 \$75,000.00.]**

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Garza motioned to move up item #41. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 41. Discussion and possible action to change the location for the Medical Examiner's Facility from East of the County Agriculture Building on the South side of Hwy.59 to North of Road and Bridge and West of LIFE DOWNS. **[Requested by Mike Cabello, Interim County Engineer; Account Number; none]**

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 29. Discussion and possible action to enter into an Agricultural and Hunting Lease for approximately 8,829.57 acres of school land (known as the Penjamo and Llano Pastures) with Mr. Seymon Deutsch at a rent of TWELVE DOLLARS (\$12.00) per acre for a three year period being an total of THREE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTYFOUR DOLLARS AND FIFTY-TWO CENTS (\$317,864.52) with an additional two year option at the same rate (\$105,954.84 per year) and authorizing the County Judge to sign said lease agreement. **[Requested by Webb County Purchasing Agent.]**

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 30. Discussion and possible action to allocated funds for line item 001-0700-6411 (Repairs & Maintenance Software), previously paid by MIS, for payment of EZ Tax (Property Tax software) in the amount of \$11,142.00. **[Requested by Tax Assessor-Collector; Account Number 001-0700-6411]**

Cmr. Garza motioned to table item. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 31. Discussion and possible action to fill custodian slot #0889 at \$8.25 per hour and charge to account #001-0106-5001 payroll.

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 32. Discussion and possible action to accept additional monies for the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) from the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs (TDHCA), for FY-2007, in the amount of \$90,098.00.

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 33. Discussion and possible action to accept a check in the amount of \$12,000.00 from Reliant Energy Retail Services, LLC. Webb County Community Action Agency will utilize these funds to assist qualified Reliant Energy Retail Services, LLC clients.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 34. Discussion and possible action to fill slot #1131, full-time with benefits, at a salary rate of \$9.00 per hour for El Aguila Rural Transportation Program. **[No impact on the General Fund]**

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 35. Discussion and possible action to approve the design plaque for "La Presa Community Center". **[Requested by Commissioner Frank Sciaraffa; Acct. 723-8103-8710-1]**

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the item.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 36. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Webb County Economic Development Department to develop and submit an Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Discretionary Grant application to the Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Department of Justice, in the amount of \$210,000.00, with no County match, for the purpose of purchasing law enforcement equipment for the use of Webb County Constables: i.e., ten (10) bullet-proof vests, ten (10) tactical carbines, ten (10) mobile radio units and five (5) vehicles. And designating the County Judge as the County's Chief Executive Officer and Authorized Representative to act in all matters in connection with this application.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Ms. Peggy Warren, Engineering Department, advised the Court that equipment would be distributed accordingly throughout the all Constables.

Item No. 37. Discussion and possible action authorizing Utilities Department to fill vacant position slot #1535, Operator 1, at a salary of \$11.11 per hour.

Judge Valdez asked to defer item till the end of the meeting.

Item No. 38. Discussion and possible action authorizing final payment to J&S Water Wells in the amount of \$87,933.60 for the Secondary Water Source Project. **[Requested by Monte Richardson.; Account Number 718-0118-8601]**

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 39. Discussion and possible action to fill slot #1891, (Front Desk Coordinator) up to \$10.96 per hour depending on experience, effective June 25, 2007.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 42. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to contract the services of Summit Communications to upgrade and install a Telephone System at J.P. Pct. 2, Pl. 1, Ramiro Veliz' Office in the amount of \$6,459.00. **[Requested by Judge Ramiro Veliz; Account Number 016-1042-6224]**

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 43. Discussion and possible action to approve final payment and retainage for the Self Help Community Center Park for service submitted by CG Construction as follows:

Phase	Amount	Fund	Account	Balance
I	\$ 27,388.00	658-8103-8710-2	\$ 2,508.67 723-2311	
				\$12,578.25
II	\$ 16,833.50	723-8103-8710-2	\$ 2,731.00 723-2311	
				\$14,102.50
III	\$ 15,086.92	723-8103-8710-2	\$ 5,686.20 658-2311	
				\$21,701.80

TOTAL: \$ 59,308.42 \$ 59,308.42

[Requested by Mike Cabello, Interim Engineer; Account Number 658-8103-8710-2, 723-8103-8710-02, 658-2311, 658-2311]

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 44. Discussion and possible action to award the following bids:

2007-88 "CEAP Evaporative Cooler" Lowe's Home Center
2007-91 " Weatherization Contractor for Labor and
Material for Attic & Wall Insulation" Border Insulation
[Requested by Eloy Ramirez, Jr.; Account Number No Account needed at this time]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 45. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to obtain the services of Sunbelt Air Conditioning in the amount of \$6,800.00 to furnish and install (1) 12 ½ condenser at the Jail. **[Requested by Major J.J. Gonzalez; Account Number 001-2060-6401]**

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Garza motioned to go into Executive Session. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

(Closed Session/Executive Session 8:30 to 9:05)

Judge Valdez – no action taken

Item No. 46. Discussion and possible action regarding Notice of Alleged Violations, Complaint No. EAB2007004507D, Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.**[Closed Session- Attorney Client Consultation if deemed necessary, Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]** [Requested by Webb County Engineering Interim Engineer]

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, recommended settlement.

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve Mr. Ramirez's recommendation. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 47. Discussion and possible action to reassign some or all Webb County Road & Bridge Department employees currently assigned to the Texas Department of Public Safety to assist with processing motor vehicle citations; to provide funding to the State of Texas in lieu of assigning employees to DPS; to transfer slots of such employees to other departments; or to take other action as Commissioners Court may deem appropriate. **[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Sections 551.071(Consultation with Attorney) and 551.074 (Personnel Matters)].**

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to table the item. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 48. Discussion and possible action to transfer the following Road & Bridge Department slots to the following Departments effective 10-1-2007:
#2206 to Judge Ramiro Veliz, Justice of the Peace Precinct Two, Place One
#1497 to Judge Ramiro Veliz, Justice of the Peace Precinct Two, Place One
#2114 to Judge Oscar Martinez, Justice of the Peace, Precinct Four
#1524 to Judge Oscar Martinez, Justice of the Peace, Precinct Four
#2205 to Judge Oscar Martinez, Justice of the Peace, Precinct Four
#2204 to Judge Ricardo Rangel, Justice of the Peace, Precinct Two, Place Two
[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney and 551.074 (Personnel Matters))]

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to table the item. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Addendum Item No. 1. Discussion and Possible action regarding the *City of Laredo, Texas v. Martha Escamilla*, et al; No. 06-1079; In the Supreme court of Texas.
[Executive /Closed Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)].

Addendum Item No. 2. Discussion and Possible action regarding *Webb County, Texas v. Greg Abbott, et al*; in the 261st. Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas; Cause No. GV-403943 **Executive /Closed Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)].**

Addendum Item No. 3. Discussion and possible action regarding *Application of Regional Land Management Services, Ltd. For Permit No. 2286, TCEQ Docket No. 2003-0729- MSW; SOAH Docket No. 582-04-0975 Executive /Closed Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)].*

Addendum Item No. 4. Discussion and possible action regarding 369 *P4 L.L.C. v. City of Laredo*; No. 2006-CVQ-00081010-D1 in the 49th Judicial District Court of Webb County, Texas **Executive /Closed Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)].**

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, advised the Court that no action was necessary on addendum items 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Item No. 37. Discussion and possible action authorizing Utilities Department to fill vacant position slot #1535, Operator 1, at a salary of \$11.11 per hour.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

49. Adjournment

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to adjourn. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.